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Please delete the paragraph starting on page 1, line 29, and substitute therefor:

Although sliding doors are used in a wide variety of applications, they are often used to provide access to cold-storage lockers, which are rooms that provide large-scale refrigerated storage for the food industry. Doorways into such a room are often rather wide to allow forklift trucks to quickly move large quantities of products in and out of the room. The sliding doors are usually power actuated for minimizing the time in which the door is open for the forklift, thus minimizing the amount of cool air that can escape when the door is open.